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REMARKS

Pursuant to the conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' attorney on July 2, 2003, and in view of the Office Action of July 8, 2003, Applicants submit herewith amended claims 1, 2, 6 and 13.

The amendment to claims 1, 2, 6 and 13 consists of changing the term "generated" to --created--. This amendment is provided in response to the Examiner's encouragement that such recitation be changed and the Examiner's indication that the application would be allowed if such change were made to the claims. While Applicants insist that the words "created" and "generated" in the context of the present invention are generally synonymous, Applicants have acquiesced to the Examiner's insistence to change these terms in order to expedite the allowance of the present application. Applicants therefore submit that the present amendment was not made to narrow the claims nor was it made to overcome prior art. Instead, the amendment simply makes the subject matter recited in the claims clearer to the Examiner.

Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The cancellation of claim 14 was made in order to expedite the allowance of the present application.

In view of the amendment to claims 1, 2, 6 and 13, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-13, 15 and 16 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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